

February 1, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Carl Swenson, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are also being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 9, 2011**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of January 12, 2011, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the January 12, 2011, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS***5B. Recommendation to the Arizona Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program**

The Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program provides annual grants for road safety improvement projects that are related to access to schools. The program provides grants to public and non-profit agencies for projects that improve road safety and encourage more K-8 children to walk or bike to their neighborhood schools. This is the fifth cycle of the program, and grants will be provided to projects that implement infrastructure improvements as well as projects that would involve education, training and encouragement. In response to the ADOT request for proposals announced in October 2010, a total of 13 project applications from the MAG region were received by ADOT. The ADOT proposal review process stipulates that MPOs and COGs must recommend a ranked list of projects to ADOT by February 26, 2011. These recommendations will be considered by a statewide SRTS panel that will make a final recommendation to ADOT. The MAG Transportation Safety Committee reviewed all project proposals, and on January 18, 2011, recommended a ranked list of projects from the region as the MAG recommendation to ADOT. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***5C. Consultant Selection for the Activity-Based Travel Forecasting Model**

The fiscal year (FY) 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2010, includes \$500,000 for the second phase of development of the Activity-Based Travel Forecasting Model (ABM). The purpose of the project is to complete development of the new generation travel demand forecasting model at MAG. The ABM will allow MAG to address emerging regional planning challenges in a timely manner. On December 10, 2010, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to complete development of the MAG ABM, and implementation of the ABM at MAG. The successful respondent in this RFP process, at MAG's discretion, also may be retained to

5B. Recommend approval of the ranked list of projects to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program.

5C. Recommend approval of the selection of a consultant to complete development of the second phase of the Activity-Based Travel Forecasting Model (ABM) for an amount not to exceed \$500,000, and, at MAG's discretion, complete Phase 3 of the project at a cost not to exceed \$500,000.

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*5D. FY 2012 MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan

The federal Safe and Efficient Transportation Equity Act- A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires the establishment of a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan for all FTA programs for underserved populations: the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310); the Job Access and Reverse Commute program (Section 5316); and the New Freedom program (Section 5317). MAG has updated this coordination plan each year in compliance with this requirement since 2007. The FY 2012 MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan was recommended for approval by the MAG Human Services Technical Committee and the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee in January 2011. Please refer to the enclosed document.

5D. Recommend approval of the FY 2012 MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5E. Development of the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in April and approved by the Regional Council in May. To provide an early start in developing the Work Program and Budget, this presentation is an overview of MAG's draft proposed new projects for the FY 2012 Work Program. The updated draft budget timeline, the invitation for the Budget Webinar presentation on February 17, 2011, at 1:30 P.M. in the MAG Palo Verde Room, and estimated dues and assessments are included with the budget documents. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Information and input on the development of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

*5F. Consultant Contract for AZ-SMART Support

The FY2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2010, includes a \$45,000 project for AZ-SMART support. MAG is in the process of developing and implementing a statewide socioeconomic model, Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART). The AZ-SMART socioeconomic modeling suite will primarily support socioeconomic activities at MAG. AZ-SMART builds upon a model that MAG currently uses, the Subarea Allocation Model (SAM). This model was developed by Planning Technologies. Since Planning Technologies is the developer of SAM and has been supporting MAG in the design of AZ-SMART, it is uniquely able to provide detailed technical guidance and support on the implementation and testing for AZ-SMART. Staff is recommending that Planning Technologies be selected as a sole source to provide support for AZ-SMART in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Please refer to enclosed material.

*5G. 2009 Arizona Building Officials Code Review and Development Committee Amendments for the 2009 International Code Council Codes

At the January 2011 MAG Building Codes Committee (BCC) meeting, members discussed an initiative to reach consensus in unison on the Arizona Building Officials (AZBO) Code Review and Development Committee Amendments for the 2009 International Code Council (ICC) Codes. The MAG BCC makes recommendations on the development, interpretation and enforcement of building codes in the MAG region. It also provides a regional forum for construction, development, and other issues as they relate to building codes. In an effort to promote uniformity throughout MAG jurisdictions under the interest of life safety a motion was passed to recommend that MAG member agencies consider adopting the AZBO Code Review and Development Committee Amendments for the 2009 ICC Codes. Please refer to enclosed material.

5F. Recommend approval of the selection of Planning Technologies for AZ-SMART support for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

5G. Recommend that MAG member agencies consider adopting the 2009 Arizona Building Officials (AZBO) Code Review and Development Committee Amendments for the 2009 International Code Council (ICC) Codes.

*5H. Social Services Block Grant Allocation Recommendations

Through a partnership with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee prioritizes services to receive funding with locally planned Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) dollars. Services funded by SSBG support assistance to the most vulnerable people in the region, including four target groups of Older Adults; People with Disabilities; People with Developmental Disabilities; and Adults, Families, and Children. Upon completion of research and a service ranking exercise, it is proposed to move \$58,946 to the highest priority services. Please refer to enclosed material.

5H. Recommend approval of the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) allocation recommendations for FY 2012 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Phoenix West Alternatives Analysis Update and Operating Plan

An update will be provided on the METRO Project team preliminary staff recommendations for the Phoenix West Alternatives Analysis study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Multimodal Transit System Tour - MAG Region Peer Cities

MAG staff have been exploring the possibility of a multimodal transit tour of a MAG Peer Region city. The purpose of the on-site tour would be for MAG region leaders to gather information and investigate the benefits of the connectivity between commuter rail, light rail and bus transit. MAG staff researched the request and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) appears to be a good fit as an example of daily multimodal connectivity in the Intermountain West. UTA staff has offered to host a tour for MAG region leaders in the April 2011 timeframe. MAG staff is seeking direction from the Management Committee and Transportation Policy Committee on whether or not to proceed with the request for a tour.

7. Information, discussion, and input on whether MAG proceeds in arranging a multimodal transit system tour.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS8. Withdrawal of the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On January 25, 2011, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality withdrew the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 from any further action or consideration by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The plan was facing a partial disapproval action by January 28, 2011 based on a timetable in a consent decree with the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest. The withdrawal will enable the use of the new EPA paved road dust factors to improve the plan. On January 31, 2011, a notice of Finding of Failure to Submit a Plan was signed by EPA, which triggered the eighteen month sanctions clock for tighter controls on industry and the twenty-four month clock for the loss of the federal highway funds and the imposition of a federal plan. The submittal of a new plan and a completeness determination by EPA will stop the sanctions clocks. A plan approval action by EPA will stop the imposition of a federal plan. Regarding conformity, EPA also withdrew the adequacy finding for the motor vehicle emissions budget in the Five Percent Plan. The region then reverts to the previous approved motor vehicle emissions budget in the Revised MAG Serious Area Plan for PM-10. No new projects that require a conformity determination can be added to the Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan until conformity is demonstrated with the previous approved motor vehicle emissions budget. The new paved road dust factors will be useful in meeting the conformity requirements. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS9. Update on MAG Economic Development Committee

In an effort to keep the members of the Management Committee informed regarding the activities of the Economic Development Committee (EDC), staff will provide an update. At the December 21, 2010, EDC meeting, three

9. Information and discussion.

issue papers were discussed: (1) Interstate 11 Corridor; (2) Inland Ports and Rail Connections; and (3) Wellton Branch Railroad Line. These issue papers will be presented to the MAG Management Committee for discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Enabling Communities of Practice through Technology Pilot Project

An update will be given on a MAG pilot project to enable Communities of Practice through technology. This project will create a SharePoint portal for MAG member agencies to collaborate and pool knowledge with stakeholders, consultants and each other.

11. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

13. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information, discussion, and possible action.

12. Information and discussion.

13. Information.